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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Fukumura *et al.*

09/720,979

Appl. No: 09/720,979 (U.S. National Stage of  
PCT/JP99/03552)

International Filing Date: July 1, 1999

For: **Negative-Sense RNA Virus Vector for  
Nerve Cell**

Art Unit: 1636

Examiner: to be assigned

Atty. Docket: 4001-0003

**Second Preliminary Amendment**Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application, Applicants respectfully  
request the following amendments:

***Amendments******In the Specification:***

On page 7, please replace the paragraph at lines 8-12 with the following  
paragraph:

Figure 1 schematically shows a method for constructing the replication competent  
SeV comprising a foreign gene, such as for GFP or  $\beta$ -glucuronidase. Using primer 1  
(SEQ ID NO:1), which has a *NotI* site, and primer 2 (SEQ ID NO:2), which comprises, a  
transcription termination signal (R2), an intervening sequence (IG), a transcription  
initiation sequence (R1) and a *NotI* site, the ORF of a foreign gene is amplified by PCR  
and inserted into the *NotI* site of pUC18/T7HVJRz.DNA (+18) (SEQ ID NO:3).